1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1993-94	6,077.2	3595.3	4282.4	3410.7	13926.4	14907.7	47.00
1994-95	5,462.9	3888.5	4046.5	3658.6	13001.8	15906.3	47.45
1995-96	5,556.9	4325.6	4254.9	4295.0	13273.2	17884.7	48.20
1996-97	5,296.4	4893.9	4219.2	5032.9	13090.3	20396.2	48.67
1997-98	4,890.2	5,057.8	4,033.5	5,441.7	12,278.0	22,251.6	47.19
1998-99	4,407.8	5,511.4	3,710.6	5,679.9	11,506.9	23.842.3	46.94
1999-00	4,543.9	6,184.6	3,777.2	6,445.4	11,700.0	27,348.9	46.18
2000-01	4,600.2	7,214.8	3,688.6	7,308.3	11,844.1	31,486.0	46.13
2001-02	4,901.6	8,759.1	3,960.80	9686.4	12,256.8	37,528.9	49.15

Table-II:

Short Term (Seasonal Agriculture Operation) Loans by Districts Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs).

Year	ST agricultural loans issued by DCCBs*	Of col. 2 loans issued to SF/MF	Percentage of Col. 3 to Col. 2
1996-97	9,327.28	4,834.48	52
1997-98	10,443.89	5,744.14	55
1998-99	12,490.00	6,884.00	55
1999-00	15,225.00	8,642.00	57
2000-01	18,024.20	9,967.00	54
2001-02	19,068.48	9,186.53	48
2002-03	20,374.58	11,158.51	55
2003-04	21,232.99	12,292.19	58
2004-05	25,864.92	15,683.29	61

National Policy for changes in rates of VAT.

†786. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to formulate a National Policy for bringing changes in rates of VAT; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof and the States which have made demands in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) The State VAT, being a tax on sale or purchase of goods within a State, is a State subject by virtue of Entry 54 of State List of the Constitution of India. An Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers (EC) has been constituted to deliberate upon and decide all matters concerning State VAT. The EC has decided the design of VAT (including the structure of rates of tax on various commodities) under the State VAT. The VAT implementing States are broadly following the tax structure decided by the EC. VAT being a State subject, it is entirely for the EC and the States to decide the structure of tax rates under VAT. The Central Government is not considering formulation of any National Policy on this issue and no State has made any such demand.

Budget allocation compensating States due to VAT

787. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of budget allocation for compensating States which have suffered losses due to Value Added Tax in 2006-07;

(b) whether budget allocation would be sufficient to meet the State losses;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) how it is proposed to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) The budget allocation for providing compensation to States for revenue loss on account of introduction of VAT is Rs. 2,990 crores for the year 2006-07.

(b) and (c) The budget provision for 2006-07 would not be sufficient in view of compensation claims for a substantial amount, relating to the year 2005-06, having been received during 2005-06. The amount involved in these claims is much higher than what was estimated at the time of finalization of budget estimates for 2006-07. Out of these claims, claims for a total amount of Rs. 1695.37 crores have already been settled.